THE FEDERAL SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT

The following Annual Report is for the 12 months, 1st July, 1974 to 30th June 1975. Its late appearance in "The Pioneer" is because the Annual General Meeting of the Society was transferred from October, 1975, to January, 1976, so that Officers could be present. Therefore, some items may seem to be referring to old news.

The past year saw a landmark in the life of the Society with the celebration of its 40th anniversary. God has greatly blessed and greatly used the Church Army over the years in the work of evangelism and the Society looks forward to increasing opportunities in the future to fulfil its objective of 'winning souls to Christ.'

THE BOARD : Seven meetings were held during the year and new members elected to the Board were **Mr. G. Seton, the Rev. Canon R. F. Gray** and **the Rev. K. Le'Huray. The Right Reverend N. J. Chynoweth** was warmly congratulated on his election as the Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn. **The Right Reverend F. O. Hulme-Moir,** who had ably served as the Chairman for the past ten years, resigned in June, 1975, on reaching retiring age. His long association with the Society was duly marked with a presentation from the Board and with appropriate expressions of thanks and appreciation.

PERSONNEL & ACTIVITIES : The year began with 26 active Officers and during the year one resigned, one retired, two new Officers were Commissioned and an English Sister transferred temporarily to Australia, so the year finished with an active list of 27. Officers served in 11 Dioceses and reports on the quality and effectiveness of their work were most encouraging. The openings for the services of our Officers always exceed the availability of personnel.

An appointment of special significance was that of Aboriginal Officer, **Captain Arthur Malcolm,** as Chaplain at the Yarrabah Aboriginal Settlement near Cairns. Another Aboriginal Officer, **Captain Norman Polgen,** who had been a Deacon for some years, was ordained Priest by the Bishop of Rockhampton.

The Church Army's joint venture with the Grafton Diocese in outreach to 'Alternate Culture' groups in northern N.S.W., based on 'The Buttery' at Binna Burra, continued to grow and provide a very effective and much appreciated ministry.

TRAINING COLLEGE : The Society was again indebted to the team of honorary lecturers for the Th.A. and other subjects. As in other years the students also attended some external courses and gained valuable experience in practical work situations. At the end of 1974, the three second year students all gained second-class honours in the Th.A. examinations and did well in the internal examinations.

With Captain Clarke's five year term in Australia as Training College Officer terminating at the end of 1975, the Board decided that a full-time Warden be appointed as from January, 1976. Although this appointment was made just outside the period covered by this Report, it seems appropriate to record here that **the Rev. Graeme MacRobb,** a former Church Army Officer, was appointed.

BOOKSHOP : Following negotiations with the Diocese of Grafton, the Society bought the stock of the former Diocesan bookshop, and thus opened its second bookshop in rented premises in Prince Street, Grafton, last October. Sales for the eight months at Grafton were $8474 and the combined total for the whole year for Newcastle and Grafton was $74,271.

Under Captain Payne's capable management the bookshop work continued to develop very satisfactorily and the possibility of further expansion is kept under review.

FINANCE & PROPERTY :

Appeals—The Birthday and Christmas Appeals for the period resulted in just under $5000 being received. The Society was very grateful for this help and also for the regular subscriptions and donations received through the year. A large num-

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD :

We would like to extend our thanks and best wishes to the following people who have recently resigned as Members of the Executive Board of the Church Army :— The Right Rev. N. J. Chynoweth, the Rev. K. Walker, Miss G. A. Walton, the Rev. T. D. Croft, and the Rev. A. Patrick.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL :

We are extremely grateful to all those who responded to our 1975 Christmas Appeal. We would like to say "thank you," especially to those who remain anyonymous, or who requested that we not send them receipts.

When the Appeal closed at the 31st January, 1976, the total was $2608.84.

NEW STUDENTS

Variety seems to be the Key-note in the Training College this year. The background of the eight students is quite interesting, as the following news of the three first years indicates:—

Lyn Russell comes from Gladstone in Queensland, and since leaving school, has worked as a ledger machine operator, as well as doing general office work. About three years ago Lyn spent a short time in Port Moresby. In Gladstone, she has been a guide leader, and also has worked with former Captain Warren Darnley in the Young Anglican Fellowship.

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Wendy Woods hails from Christchurch, New Zealand, and is the daughter of a retired Baptist pastor. For a while she worked with the Department of Social Welfare, and for the last two and a half years has been a full-time stipendiary lay reader at Rangiora, just north of Christchurch. Her work there — scripture classes, Sunday school, youth and women's groups, visiting homes and hospital — should prove to have been a good training-ground and experience, for her ministry as an evangelist in the New Zealand Church Army.

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Barbara Leatham is a school teacher from the lovely suburb of Island Bay, in Wellington, New Zealand. For a while she taught at Tawa and then Martin, New Zealand. But for the past four years she has moved around the Solomon Islands — on the staff of St. Nicholas' Day School, Honiara; Hautabu Teachers' College, West Guadalcanal; St. Hilda's School, Bunana; and as Headmistress of Bishop Patterson's School, Tasia. Besides her teaching talents, Barbara is also an organist and is a valuable accompanist to singing in the Training College Chapel.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

AND OTHER NEWS

TO ENGLAND : By the time you receive this issue, the Federal Secretary, Captain R. L. Gwilt, will have been to England for a few weeks. His main purpose in going is to attend a World Conference, near London, of Church Army leaders or their representatives (see page 2 for a list of other countries where the Church Army is at work). The purpose of the Conference is to strengthen the links between the various Church Armies, to learn from each other and to identify the particular contribution which the Church Army has to make within the ministry of the Church.

COMMISSIONING : On the 18th January, Sister Flo Herman was admitted to the Office of Evangelist and commissioned as an Officer of the Church Army. Flo completed the two years' training at the end of last year, and, at the beginning of February, started her first appointment in the Parish of Wallamba, in the Diocese of Newcastle, N.S.W. Flo's work will be in the Forster/Tuncurry part of the Parish.

OFFICERS ON THE MOVE : The following Officers have recently moved to new work situations :—

Captain David Hinchliffe — to the Parish of Blacktown, in the Diocese of Sydney.

Sister Josie Leslie — to the Parish of Belmont, in the Diocese of Newcastle.

Captain Mike Tobin — to South Hedland, in the Parish of Port Hedland, in the Diocese of North West Australia.

Captain Ron Wallis — as a Student Counsellor, in the Capricornian Institute of Advanced Education, Rockhampton, Qld.

Captain Doug Quayle — is now a member of the chaplaincy team at Qantas, while continuing his work as industrial evangelist at three other factories in the Sydney area.

BEHIND THE SCENES

Most people are probably not aware of some of the other workers in the Church Army, apart from the Officers. I'm referring to those who work behind the scenes, in Federal Office, in the Training College kitchen, in the two Bookshops.

Recently there have been a number of changes, and we would like to say a very warm thank you to those who have left us, and welcome to the newcomers.

Mrs. Elaine Burton has been the stenographer at Federal Office for the past 3 years. Her other work has included recording supporters' donations to Church Army funds, and preparing wrappers in which to post "The Pioneer," so she has come to know a lot of readers and supporters by name. At the end of last year, Mrs. Burton found it necessary to give up work, and her position has been taken by **Mrs. Ruth Seddon.** Both ladies live in Belrose, and are parishioners of the local Anglican Church.

Mrs. Elaine Cottle has been the Book-keeper in Federal Office until recently. However, her husband works for a State Government Department, which has moved to Bathurst, N.S.W., as part of a decentralisation plan. Therefore, it was necessary for Mrs. Cottle to leave us, and her place has been taken by **Mrs. Barbara Ellis,** who lives in Belrose, just around the corner from the Office and Training College.

Mrs. Lyn Brophey and **Mrs. Joy Johnson** have been responsible for seeing that the students of the Training College are well fed. Both ladies, who live in the local area, are unable to continue, and **Mrs. Joyce Wilson** is the new lady in the Training College kitchen. Mrs. Wilson has invited the students to use her swimming pool during their free time, so her arrival to work at the College is sure to cause quite a splash !

ber of new supporters was enrolled during the year.

Interest-free Loans — At the close of the year these totalled $2350, made available for varying periods. These loans are a real help for which the Society is very grateful.

"Walter and Eliza Hall" Trust — The Trust gave very generous support again to the Society's work to the extent of $700 for the general purposes of the Training College and $200 for theological library books. In addition, $370 was received for special equipment for the College and $1000 to help towards the cost of Captain McKnight's work in northern N.S.W. All this help was greatly appreciated.

Legacies — The Society again benefitted by the provision kindly made by a number of people in their wills. The following legacies were received from the estates of the late — Z. I. F. Hillyard $1500, M. F. Steele $50, N. G. Tweedie $200, E. A. F. Downman $2713, R. W. Joyce $1028 and A. P. Page $330.

In Conclusion — With a real sense of gratitude to God for His blessings and provision and for the privilege of Christian service, we also offer thanks to all who assisted and shared in the work in any way. These include our financial and legal advisers, the Dioceses and Parishes and individuals who supported the work in various ways; also the members of the Board and the Committees, the Training College lecturers, Area Representatives and all our Officers active and retired.

R. L. Gwilt.

Federal Secretary.

URGENT! The Training College Building Fund

The Federal Secretary discusses work being done on the College Chapel.

What do you know about the Training College Building Fund ?

The Church Army has a special Bank Account for the Training College. The purpose of the account is to receive donations on trust to supply and maintain suitable buildings for the education of Church Army students.

There are several projects we would like to complete in 1976.

1. Provision of guttering and increased drainage.
2. Re-building of west wall in dining room and improved insulation.
3. The building of a pantry next to the kitchen.
4. The completion of alterations to the Warden's Residence.

If funds are available in the Building Fund, for these projects, then the General Fund of the Church Army can be used for other areas.

Donations to the Training College Building Fund are tax deductible.

You may like to ask your Church group to make one of these projects their target for 1976.

Kevin Llewellyn
(Honorary Treasurer)

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THE WORLD WIDE CHURCH ARMY :

The Church Army was founded in England in 1882 by Prebendary Wilson Carlile. It is a lay society of men and women Evangelists of the Anglican Communion. Other autonomous societies were founded in the U.S.A. in 1927, Canada 1928, Australia 1934, New Zealand 1935, Eastern Africa 1962, Jamaica 1969. Officers from some of these societies are also at work in Germany, South America, South Africa, Belize, Cyprus, West Pakistan and Italy.

My First Australian Conference

Sister Josie Midwinter is an English Church Army Officer, who has been in Australia for about 15 months. I asked her to write the following Report on the Church Army Staff Conference, held in January, and to give her impressions, particularly as an Officer from another Society. (Editor).

"It's a bit different from England . . ."
". . . . Yes . . . well . . . I guess it is . . ."

As an English officer I've got used to conferences of about 350 active officers plus retired officers and officers' wives. At first, 26 officers, some with wives and families, did seem rather small. At an English Conference it is hard to speak to all the officers you know, let alone talk to new ones. It was so nice at the Australian Conference to be able to have contact with everyone. This was really exciting for me, because, although I have been in Australia a year, I had previously only met one or two officers in the Sydney area. I think this is one of the most important aspects of Conference when officers get together informally over morning tea or evening meal and discuss their work, their concerns, and the concerns of the Society.

We were very fortunate to have the Primate, The Most Rev. Sir Frank Woods, as our guest on the first day. He gave us a very challenging talk on the need to continue educating ourselves. As we speak to an educated world, we must be educated too. He gave us the titles of several books to help us in this process of education. As President of the Society, the Primate acted as Chairman at the Annual General Meeting on Monday afternoon. This is the first time the A.G.M. has been held within the context of Conference, so officers were able to attend, meet members of the Board and hear the annual report.

On the remaining four mornings the spiritual tone of the day was set by Bishop Chynoweth who gave us four most inspiring talks on the Servant Songs in Isaiah. We also had the pleasure of meeting the new Training College Warden, the Rev. Graeme MacRobb, who told us about his hopes and ambitions for the future training of the stu-

A CALENDAR FOR PRAYER

The following is a suggested Calendar for Prayer, for use over a period of 30 days.

Day 1 : The Executive Board of the Church Army (names on page 2), four Standing Committees of the Board — the bi-monthly meetings.

Day 2 : Captain and Mrs. K. J. Cullen, Anthony, Parish of Forbes, N.S.W.

Day 3 : Warden of the Training College, the Rev. G. L. MacRobb, Mrs. MacRobb, Michael and Katrina.

Day 4 : Students of the Training College : Lyn Bullard, Lyn Russell, Trevor Brooks, John Harding, Chris Thiele (for Australia), and Barbara Leatham, Wendy Woods, Will Just (for New Zealand).

Day 5 : Sister F. M. Herman, Parish of Wallamba, N.S.W.

Day 6 : Captain K. A. Donaldson, Parish of Scarborough, W.A.

Day 7 : Sister N. J. Bridges, Matron, Farr House Home for Girls, Springfield, S.A.

Day 8 : Captain and Mrs. R. G. Eland, Lance and Paul, Youth Work in Parish of Shellharbour, N.S.W.

Day 9 : Captain and Mrs. L. T. Fernance, Faith, Parish of Emmaville, N.S.W.

Day 10 : Sister E. Campbell, Parish of Riverwood, N.S.W.

Day 11 : Captain R. L. Gwilt, Federal Secretary, Mrs. Gwilt, Peter, Stephen, Andrew and Timothy, Belrose, N.S.W.

Day 12 : Captain and Mrs. R. J. Harris, Glenda and Kerrie. Leave of absence.

Day 13 : Sister L. Dorrington, Parish of Mount Gambier, S.A.

Day 14 : Captain and Mrs. D. W. Hinchliffe, Parish of Blacktown, N.S.W.

Day 15 : Captain and Mrs. J. W. Joy, Parish of Kingsford, N.S.W.

Day 16 : Sister P. A. Free, Staff Sister, Belrose, N.S.W.

Day 17 : Captain and Mrs. R. C. King, Ronwyn and Howard, Parish of Randwick, N.S.W.

Day 18 : Captain and Mrs. A. Malcolm, Andrew and Ruth, Yarrabah Aboriginal Settlement, Nth. Qld.

Day 19 : Sister J. Leslie, Parish of Belmont, N.S.W.

Day 20 : Captain and Mrs. B. Mattinson, Andrew, Christopher, Warwick and Stuart, Parish of Campbelltown, N.S.W.

Day 21 : Sister J. Midwinter, Parish of Penrith, N.S.W.

Day 22 : Captain J. A. McKnight, "Alternative Culture" groups evangelism, Binna Burra, N.S.W.

Day 23 : Captain N. A. Payne, Manager, the Church Army Bookshops, Newcastle and Grafton, N.S.W., Mrs. Payne, Andrea, Mark and Elizabeth.

Day 24 : Captain A. Polgen, Tranby Co-op College for Aborigines, Glebe, N.S.W.

Day 25 : Sister B. J. Rilatt. Leave of absence.

Day 26 : The Rev. Captain N. Polgen, St. George's Homes, Rockhampton, Qld.

Day 27 : Captain D. O. Quayle, Industrial Evangelism, in 4 factories in Sydney, N.S.W.

Day 28 : Captain and Mrs. M. Tobin, Julie and Deborah, Parish of South Headland, W.A.

Day 29 : Captain and Mrs. R. G. Wallis, Mark, Student Counsellor, Rockhampton, Qld.

Day 30 : Retired officers and wives; the Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Batley, Mrs. C. Fisk, Sister G. A. Phillpot, Sister M. Pritchard, Mrs. J. S. Cowland, Sister I. B. Johnson, Sister E. N. Bacon.